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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT
OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year) 26 SEP 2003Applicant's or agent's file reference
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FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below

International application No.
PCT/AU03/01006International filing date
8 August 2003

Applicant

MELBOURNE HEALTH et al

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
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For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. Reminders

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau.

If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. ⁷: C12N 15/12, C07K 14/435, 16/18

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DGENE, EMBL, GENBANK: SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 39.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	Wilanowski T <i>et al.</i> (2002) Mech. Dev. 114(1-2): 37-50. "A highly conserved novel family of mammalian developmental transcription factors related to Drosophila grainyhead" & GenBank Accession No. AF411210, AF411211, AF411212, AF411213, XP_018276 & XP_002272. 100% matched with human MGR p49, mouse MGR p61, p70 and BOM sequences. See whole document.	1-25
P, X	Ting SB <i>et al.</i> (2003) Biochem J. 370(Pt 3): 953-962. "The identification and characterization of human Sister-of-Mammalian Grainyhead (SOM) expands the grainyhead-like family of developmental transcription factors" & GenBank Accession No. AY231160, AY231161 See whole document.	1-25

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C

☒ See patent family annex

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"A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
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"L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means	"&" document member of the same patent family
"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed	

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19 September 2003

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P, X	Strausberg R L <i>et al.</i> (2002) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA 99(26): 16899-16903. "Generation and initial analysis of more than 15,000 full-length human and mouse sequences" & GenBank Accession No. BC 013080, BC036890, BC037233, BC042575, BC055035. See whole document.	1-25
P, X	WO 03/006618, A (Incyte Genomics, Inc.) 23 January 2003. See SEQ ID NO: 30 which is 98.7% identical to SEQ ID NO: 8 and 91.4% identical to SEQ ID NO: 16.	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25
P, X	WO 02/070539, A (HYSEQ Inc.) 12 September 2002. See SEQ ID NO: 1342. 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 6 74.7% identical to SEQ ID NO: 14	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25
P, X	WO 02/071928, A (Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc.) 19 September 2002. See SEQ ID NO: 91. 99.4% identical to SEQ ID NO: 6 94.1% identical to SEQ ID NO: 14	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25
X	WO 02/30268, A (EOS Biotechnology, Inc.) 18 April 2002. See SEQ ID NO: 2. 99.4% identical to SEQ ID NO: 6 94.1% identical to SEQ ID NO: 14	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25
X	EP 1074617, A (Helix Research Institute) 7 February 2001. See SEQ ID NO: 18202. 99.4% identical to SEQ ID NO: 6 94.1% identical to SEQ ID NO: 14	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25
X	DGENE Abstract Accession No. AAG67096, CN 1303939 (Shanghai Borong Gene Dev. Co. Ltd.) 18 July 2001. See whole abstract and Sequence. 99.4% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2 94.9% identical to SEQ ID NO: 4 91% identical to SEQ ID NO: 10 and 12	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25

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X	WO 00/58473, A (Curagen Corporation) 5 October 2000. See SEQ ID NO: 3956 (page 3116). 90.2 % identical to SEQ ID NO: 2 96% identical to SEQ ID NO: 4 93.1% identical to SEQ ID NO: 10 and 12	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25
X	WO 01/75067, A (HYSEQ, Inc.) 11 October 2001. See SEQ ID NO: 42303. 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 8 96.6% identical to SEQ ID NO: 16	1-4, 6, 7, 18, 22-25
X	Huang N & Miller W L (2000) J. Biol. Chem. 275(4): 2852-2858. "Cloning of factors related to HIV-inducible LBP proteins that regulate steroidogenic factor-1-independent human placental transcription of the cholesterol side-chain cleavage enzyme, P450scc" & GenBank Accession No. AF198489 & GenPept database Accession No. AAF32276. See whole document, LBP-32 is 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 4.	1-7, 9, 18, 19, 22-25

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos :

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos : 23 (in part)

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
See extra sheet below.

3. ☐ Claims Nos :

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of Boxes I to VIII is not sufficient)

Continuation of Box No: I

Claim 23 does not meet the criteria of rule 6.3 of the PCT in so far as the claim does not define the technical features of the invention. The invention resides in identifying mammalian Grainyhead transcription factors. This claim is not limited to the transcription factor being Grainyhead. Thus, claim 23 does not define the technical features of the invention. Therefore the full scope of this claim has not been searched. The claim has only been searched with respect to the transcription factor being a mammalian Grainyhead transcription factor.

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member			
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WO	2003006618	NONE			
WO	2002070539	US	2003032034	WO	2003029405
WO	2002071928	US	2003087250	WO	2003054152
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